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NORMALIZING HIV FOR RAPID ANALYSIS **FAX RECEIVED**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Madam:

Per our phone conversation of 2/15/01 enclosed are new and modified claims. If there is any way for you to assist the applicant in rewriting the claims to overcome the objections of your last office action it would be greatly appreciated this request is under MPEP § 707.07(j) in which the applicant respectfully request that if the Examiner finds patentable subject matter disclosed in this application, but feels that applicants present claims are not entirely suitable, the Examiner draft one or more allowable claims for the applicant.

Sincerely,

Jack V. Smith

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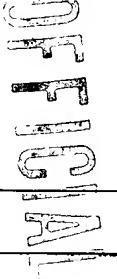


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